THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 4th April 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed 54 questions before the House for answer to-day. It will not therefore be possible for me to allow a number of supplementary questions on each question."

House-sites for Harijans.

* 250-H *Q*.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of draft notification and draft declaration cases relating to the acquisition of house-sites for Harijans pending with the District Welfare Officer, Krishna district, now; and

(*b*) (i) the number of draft notifications and draft declarations withdrawn after publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette;* and (ii) the reasons therefor this year (current year)?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Number of draft notifications pending—18.

Number of draft declarations pending—76.

" (*b*) Number of draft notifications withdrawn—

(i) Three cases of house-sites.

(ii) In two cases the Harijans who possessed house-sites did not agree either to relinquish their sites or to bear the cost of acquisition. In the other case, enough space was available in the village for assignment.

Number of draft declarations withdrawn—Nil."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, during the past ten years actually no house-sites have been handed over to Harijans in Krishna district. Several cases were dropped or withdrawn after the Heads of the Departments including the Department of Public Health have certified that the site is fit for house-sites . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will please put it in the form of a question."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Is it not a waste of Government's money and time to proceed through the draft notifications and draft declarations method and after all to drop or withdraw proceedings in the end when the bona fide needs of the Harijans are there? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Instructions have been issued that such notifications and withdrawals should be kept down to the minimum, and should be used only to make alternative proposals."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have noticed the fact that many owners of land are taking to digging and other methods to make it useless for house-sites?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are not aware of it, Sir."

Leave rules for the elementary school teachers.

* 266 *Q.*—SRI K. SUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state why the Government do not apply the leave rules of 1933 to all the elementary school teachers?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of revising the existing leave rules is a general one applicable to all classes of servants under Government as well as local bodies, involving heavy additional expenditure to Government. The question of extending leave rules to all elementary school teachers also involves heavy expenditure. In the present financial position it will not be possible for the Government to consider this question."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఇప్పుడైనా ఉపాధ్యాయులందరకు leave rules వర్తించేలా చూస్తారా ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be considered."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there no discrimination in the application of the rules between the elementary school teachers and non-elementary school teachers?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no discrimination so far as the services are concerned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, however slender the finances of the Government may be, is it not invidious distinction which the Government show between elementary school teachers and the other teachers employed by Government?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The reference is to the difference between elementary school teachers employed in local boards and those employed in aided schools."

North Mappilla Elementary School, Mattool, North Malabar.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to raise North Mappilla Elementary School, Mattool, North Malabar, into a Higher Elementary School?